

The Soulard Restorationist

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"A WALK INTO HISTORY" IS SOULARD TOUR THEME

In celebration of National Historic Preservation Week (May 7 - 13), the Soulard Restoration Group is inviting St. Louis to take "a walk into history" at the annual Spring Walking Tour, which is to be held on Saturday, May 13th. This spring's tour will begin at 8th and Soulard and will feature the area round Soulard Farmer's Market. Many of the structures in this area were constructed as early as 1840.

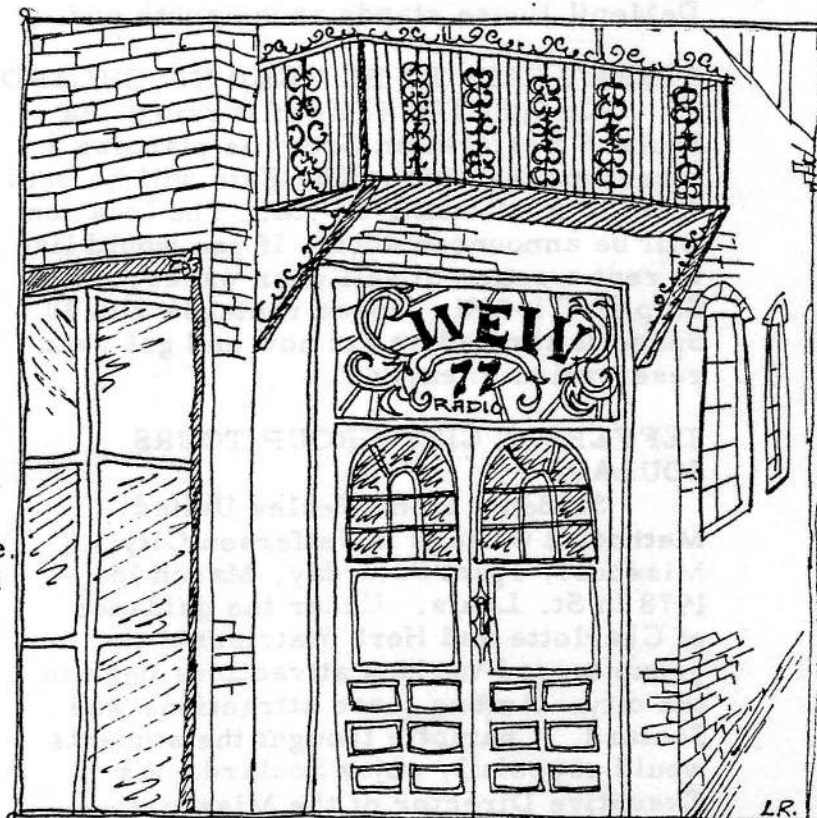
"The homes, businesses and churches in Soulard stand as perhaps one of the best records we have of what life was like in St. Louis in the mid 1800s" says Kathleen Dabrowski Poe, the 1978 chairperson for the Soulard House Tour Committee. "The people who built these structures have left us with a rich architectural heritage. Those of us who live here feel that we have a duty to preserve that heritage and to share it with others in our city." Soulard area residents, who will serve as tour guides, will tell visitors the history of the Soulard neighborhood, and point out how that history is reflected in the Soulard street-scape.

One of the highlights of this spring's tour will be the newly renovated studios of WEL radio, located at 8th and Lafayette. "Less than a year ago, this late nineteenth century commercial structure was a vacant, neglected eyesore", says Charles Derleth, president of the Soulard Restoration Group. "Today, it stands as a shining example of how reuse architecture can preserve a historic building. Since WEL is the oldest radio station in St.

Louis, we are certainly happy to have it in St. Louis's oldest neighborhood, next to the nation's oldest open air market."

Tour hours are from 12 noon till 4 P.M. Tickets are \$2.00 in advance and \$2.50 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets can be obtained by sending a check or money order to the Soulard Restoration Group, P.O. Box 13312, Soulard Station, St. Louis, Mo. 63157. No advance ticket requests will be accepted after May 6th. For further information, contact Skip or Darlene Gattermann at 771-4191 or Bill or Kathleen Poe at 771-1666.

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PRESERVATION WEEK: WINDOW TO THE PAST

not-for-profit neighborhood organization, consisting of residents and property owners in the Soulard Historic District. The Soulard Historic District, which is a City Historic District and is on the National Register of Historic Places, is bounded by I-55 and South Broadway. The Soulard Farmer's Market marks the north end of the district and the Chatillon-DeMenil House stands at the south end.

STREET FAIR TO BE HELD IN SOULARD

On June 17th (24th if it rains) the Soulard Restoration Group is planning a street market fair. The Fair will be held from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. The location will be announced soon. If you would like to rent a space to sell your wares, call Skip at 771-4191. Space rental is \$10.00. Space is limited so act now and get your reservation in early.

JEFFERSON CITY GROUP TOURS SOULARD

Students from Wesley United Methodist College in Jefferson City, Missouri, spent Saturday, March 18, 1978 in St. Louis. Under the guidance of Charlotte and Herb Watchinski the group toured various attractions here in the city. Among those attractions was Soulard. Charlotte thought the students would especially enjoy Soulard. As Executive Director of the Missouri

Heritage Trust, Inc., she was already familiar with the appeal of Soulard. She was right. Leigh Ann Perry, Michelle Pappas and Linda Hemmerla, the three students, were amazed at the variety of approaches to historic preservation. Skip Gatermann acted as tour guide. Homes toured were those of Garry Waters, Kathy and Bill Poe, Dave and Marjory Wozniak, Charlie Derleth and Darlene and Skip Gatermann. The girls really had a hard time trying to decide whether they liked the modern interiors or the more traditional ones. They felt they all looked so good a decision was impossible. Following their tour they had dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Laclede's Landing.

AGENDA

Tentative agenda for SRG meeting to be held May 3, 1978 at Trinity Lutheran Church:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Minutes of Board Meeting
3. Update on Menard Properties
4. Report on Historic Task Force
5. Report on Recycling Effort
6. Report on Preservation Alliance
7. Guest Speaker: Mr. Frank Marconi, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing Services speaking about his organization.
8. Social Hour: To be announced

SUMMARY OF MINUTES - SRG Meeting April 5, 1978 - 7:40 P.M. Trinity Lutheran Hall

Skip Gatermann announced an upcoming seminar on restoration to be sponsored by Tower Grove Bank. Contact Skip for more information on registration.

John Rataj from CDA explained the PEP program. If Soulard is chosen for this project -- there will be an overall clean-up program initiated this spring, including the clean-up of city owned lots and dumpsters in alleys. Suggestions were made that letters be written to our alderman to insure the success of the program in Soulard.

The Spring Walking Tour is scheduled for May 13th. Volunteers are needed. Contact Gary Cope.

The House Sales Committee reported overwhelming success. The committee asks that members seek new property to include on the quickly exhausted Housing List.

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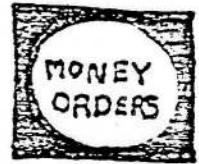
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Charles Stanley of station WEW offered to arrange for an "Old Fashioned Band Concert" in Soulard Market Park.

Marjorie Wozniak announced plans for a Street Fair in June. Ruth Day volunteered to man the refreshment booth.

Paul Kjorlie presented sketches of the proposed Soulard Market Plaza improvements.

PRESERVATION BILLS IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

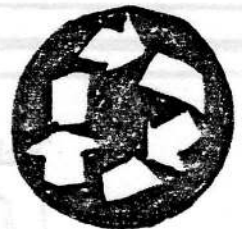
A bill protecting state related archaeological and historical resources has been introduced into this session of the Missouri General Assembly. The bill, House Bill No. 1353, provides for a "State Historic Preservation Office" within the Department of Natural Resources. It also provides that all specimens in state lands remain the property of the state, and that the preservation office shall compile an inventory of sites and specimens and issue permits for field investigations. House Bill 1353 has an impressive and influential list of sponsors which should effect speedy action on this needed legislation: Mead, Lynn, Giffin, Reisch (110), Buechner, Dunning, Becker, Copeland, Osbourn, Smith, Betz and Donegan.

Another bill effecting preservation creates a "Missouri Historical Restoration Commission". House Bill 1239 would give the commission authority to review and approve all work done on the capitol building, governor's mansion or other state-owned National Register site or site



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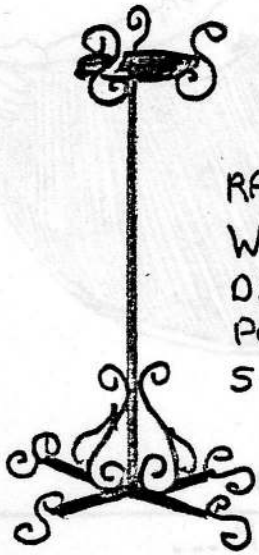
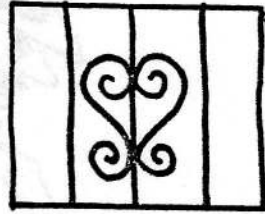
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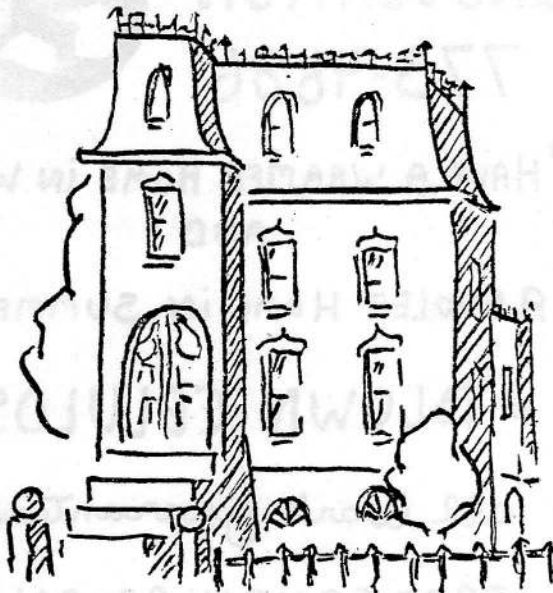
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Page 7 - TEAR-OUT SHEET

The SRG has owned two buildings in the 2300 block of Menard ever since their existance was threatened by demolition. There have been a variety of opinions concerning the role these buildings could play. The building at 2304 is for sale. 2302 has become the topic of much discussion. Some members think it would be an ideal office - restoration housing center for the group. Another idea is to use part of the space to house special tools and equipment that could be used by members for restoration. The newsletter staff would like your opinion (signed or unsigned.) Please take the time to fill out the following brief questions and send this sheet to our post office box. (Also notice that the reverse side of this sheet is to be used as a sign-up sheet for an SRG potluck dinner this month.)

_____ Keep the building and restore it.

owner.

_____ Put the building on the housing list and sell it to a qualified

Other suggestions:

SRG POTLUCK DINNER - Saturday, May 20 - 7:00 - 1224-26 Victor Street

Your dedicated and hard working social committee brings you yet another glorious get together. Your hosts are The Linden Tree Guild, better known as Roger and Luanne Rimel and Carol Ray. One side of the building for serious eaters, the other for serious drinkers. Weather permitting, we can do both in the roomy back yard. Please sign up for the following and send the sheet to our post office box. Indecisive members may call Carol Ray at 664-2164 to see what is still needed, or if there are any questions. Your dish should serve 8-10 people. BYOB. Table service provided.

_____ Appetizer	_____ Main dish
_____ Bread	_____ Dessert
_____ Vegetable	_____ Set-ups
_____ Salad	_____ Ice

Name and number of people _____

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13 PUBLISHING PROJECTS AWARDED MATCHING GRANTS BY PRESERVATION PRESS

The Preservation Press of the National Trust for Historic Preservation has awarded 13 matching grants for preservation publications ranging from neighborhood awareness brochures to a historic trails guidebook. The grants totaling \$7,400 are the second series to be awarded under the new National Trust funding program.

The Preservation Press Publications Grant Program was initiated in 1977 as one of the few grant programs designed exclusively to fund publications. Applicants must be nonprofit members of the National Trust. Grants are available for such publishing services as writing, editing, graphic design, typesetting, printing and distribution. The next Publications Grant review period ends July 15, 1978.

SPEAKING OF IMPORTANT COURT CASES

"The jury in the cow damage case of Schwabel Vs Butler, returned into court yesterday with a judgment for plaintiff for \$1. The cow attacked the lady, and it was contended by the defense that the color of the lady's hair scared the animal and caused the attack."

From the St. Louis Daily Times, May 3, 1878.

NEWS AND NOTES

"Changes in Lafayette Square" will be discussed by Kirby Greene and two other residents on Wednesday, May 10, at Park Place Garden, 18th Street and Park Avenue. The speakers will be guests of Malcom Bliss Mental Health

Center Auxiliary at their annual spring luncheon. The occasion will be an opportunity to learn more about the close neighbors of the center. The public is invited. Lunch will be noon at \$5.00 per person. For reservations or further information call Vi Hotze at 822-1257, Dee Roever at 821-3486 or Bea Perez at 241-7600.

Interested in tours of Malcolm Bliss Mental Health Center? Contact Yolanda Barr, Community Relations Co-ordinator of Malcolm Bliss at 241-7600 ext. 426. Tours are given on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 1:15 to 2:15 P.M. The tours are structured.

If you are interested in having your house considered as a tour home on our fall house tour in September call Skip at 771-4191. Houses will be chosen later this spring....

A number of video cassettes of interest to preservationists have been prepared by the Extension Division of the University of Missouri - Columbia. These have been written and produced by Marian M. Ohman, Program Coordinator - Humanities, and deal with Missouri subjects.

Three major Missouri architectural monuments are featured in "A Heritage Preserved," -- the first state capitol of 1821 in St. Charles, Jefferson Landing in Jefferson City, and the Wainwright Building in St. Louis. A second cassette focuses in more detail on Missouri's first capitol in St. Charles of 1821-1826. It deals with the restoration of the capitol in the 1960s, incorporating interviews with restoration architect Kenneth E. Coombs, and historical archaeologist Robert T. Bray. A third cassette, "Milady at the Turn of the Century", explores women's fashions, including the architectural settings in which they lived. A fourth cassette, "Order #11" reviews

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These cassettes may be reserved through your local University Extension Office, or by writing the Academic Support Center, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201....

Have you seen "American Preservation", the new magazine for historic and neighborhood preservation? The first two issues are available. The comprehensive articles and vivid colored photographs promise to make them collectors items. Write "American Preservation", P.O. Box 2451, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

MOVEMENT TO PRESERVE HISTORY GROWING

Despite the fact that 24,000 buildings are demolished each year, the nation's movement to preserve historic structures is growing. The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a private nonprofit group based in Washington, D.C.

estimates that more than two million Americans are active in historic preservation. Many are members of the approximately 6,000 nonprofit preservation groups in the United States.

The number of members of the National Trust alone has increased 10 times in as many years and now stands at 121,000.

(Courtesy of NTHP News Service)

RENOVATION CREATES MORE JOBS THAN NEW CONSTRUCTION

The renovation of existing buildings creates 50 per cent more jobs than the demolition of those buildings and the construction of new ones, according to the federal government's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

A study by the council reveals that 109 persons are employed for each \$1 million spent on renovation. Only 70 persons are employed if the \$1 million goes toward demolition of existing buildings and the construction of new ones.

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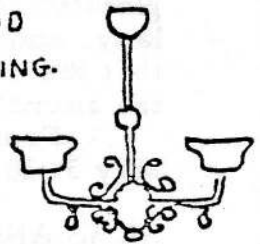
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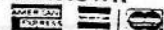


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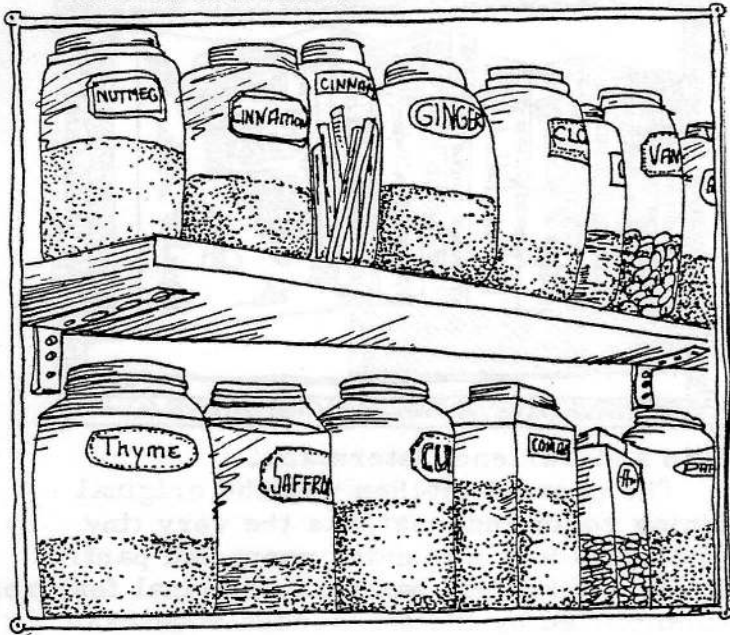
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NEW FACES

Celeste Beller and Gary Gebhardt aren't exactly new to the neighborhood. For the past year they have resided at 2416A South 13th Street. In that time they have done what they moved here to do -- finding themselves a home. Actually, they found

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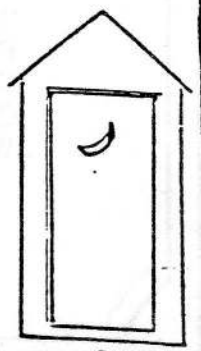
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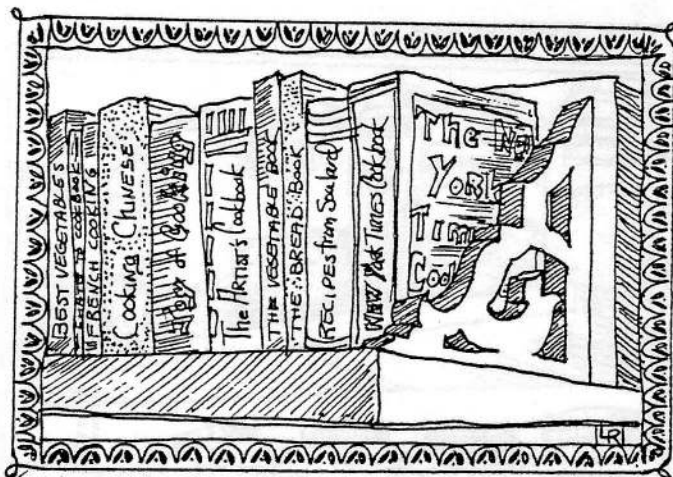
The selling point of the buildings at 2410 and 2416 South 18th Street was the unusual townhouse floor plan. Both houses are in for extensive repairs. The first is now quickly becoming livable with contracts being fulfilled to complete new roofs, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and tuckpointing. Gary and Celeste have completely gutted the interior of their home and are making some dramatic changes such as a two story bath with a skylight, a studio on the third floor (with another skylight), and living space on all four floors.

Celeste is the owner of a downtown sandwich shop, "Sniceley's", located at 1104 Locust Street, and Gary is a freelance photographer.

THE KITCHENS OF SOULARD

By David and Marjory Wozniak

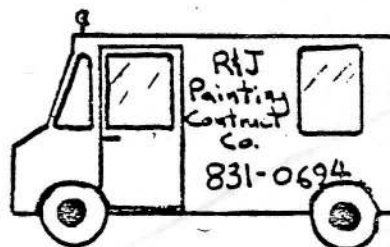
As the neighborhood of Soulard is a blending of the old and the new, it is appropriate that this article reflect this blend. Our new column on the kitchens of Soulard shall begin with the kitchen of some of our oldest restorationists,



Skip and Darlene Gatermann.

The present kitchen was the original dining room and what was the very tiny kitchen is now a laundry room and pantry. Darlene's kitchen has many original features exemplified by the old wooden soda case which she converted into a mug rack and wall happenings that are really works of art. A wooden shelf has been brought up from the basement's summer kitchen and turned upside down, now serving as cook-book shelf, with the ornate brackets as bookends. The modernity of the custom made cabinets with their white formica

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On the practical side, the cooking and preparation area is separated from the dining area by an island of cabinets which house the new sink and dishwasher. The stove and refrigerator are conveniently located to minimize wasted motion.

Darlene is a superb cook when she has time off from her demanding career as a nurse. Like most of us, fast is best for the quick meals we put together while restoring our houses. Here is one of Darlene's favorites.

HAMBURGER STROGANOFF

(Quick 'N Easy)

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 med. chopped onion (1/2 cup)
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1 tsp. salt

- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 can (8 oz.) mushroom stems and pieces
- 1 can (10-1/2 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 2 cups hot cooked noodles or rice

In a large skillet, cook and stir ground beef and onions, in butter, until the onion is tender. Stir in the flour, salt, pepper and mushrooms; cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in soup; simmer uncovered for 10 minutes. Stir in the sour cream; heat through. Serve over noodles or rice.

4-6 servings.

RESTORATION

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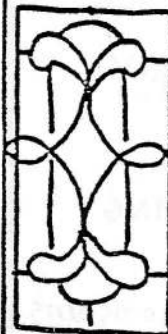


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But we can save that rose it's not too
late

The pinewood floors are badly chipped
And all the white washed walls are peeling
The front door just won't open all the way
And summer rain is coming through the
ceiling

We can climb the shaky staircase up
It was built a century ago
And watch the barges move like elephants
So huge and ponderous and slow

There are pigeons in the attic
And a termite colony below
But the big foundation stones are steady
I checked them myself: I know

Now I think its worth the effort
But the house may be long
And I can only pay your way
With riddles and a short sad song

We'll put new windows in the frames
And pull the floors up if we must
And find old children's toys and letters
Seeking refuge in the gentle dust

I need to break down walls and open doors
And throw a lot of broken furniture away
So when the work is almost through
We'll call the fiddler in to dance and play

I should be sad to see you go
But I could never make you stay
So - if you have some travelling to do
The front door now will open all the way
Roger Wolf, 1978.

BOOK REVIEW

FORM FOLLOWS FIASCO: WHY MODERN ARCHITECTURE HASN'T WORKED

By Peter Blake, Little Brown and Co.,
copyright 1977, 169 pages, Price \$12.95

Mr. Blake, a practicing architect,
states in this intelligently written book
how and why the Modern Movement in
architecture has failed.

The Louis Sullivan philosophy of "form
follows function" is discarded by Mr. Blake.
He speaks to recycling of buildings and
how these structures seem to serve the
new users better today than in the past.

A moratorium on high rise construction
and highways is proposed along with a
halt to the wholesale destruction of exist-
ing buildings. Mr. Blake believes this
destruction is a crime against humanity,
past, present and future.

THE HISTORIC PROPERTY OWNER'S HANDBOOK

By Constance M. Greiff, 102 pages,
3 ring binder, copyright 1977, price \$7.50

This very practical guide book of
sources of technical information regarding
restoration of historic properties provides
a wealth of realistic approaches to old
home repair.

A portion of the book addresses itself
to exterior protection of wood trim and
window casements of older structures.
Professional services are detailed as to
the practical application of such work
considering the financial restrictions of
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"In answering a fire alarm last night, two horses of the Fire Department ran away and collided with a lamp post on Eleventh and Washington Avenue, which was completely demolished together with the letter box."

"There are three English officers from Canada in this city, purchasing horses for the British Government. If they run against some of the Fifth Street 'horse sharks', they will get themselves into a worse fix than the hug of an old bear could possibly be."

"There was a row at the Soup-house early this morning, and Daniel McKay got it from a soda water bottle in the hands of one of the boarders. Dr.

Robinson fixed up the man's face." From the St. Louis Evening Post, April 3, 1978.

THE MARKET PLACE

Members may place ads up to 20 words free. To place your ad, call Skip or Darlene at 771-4191 before the 12th of each month.

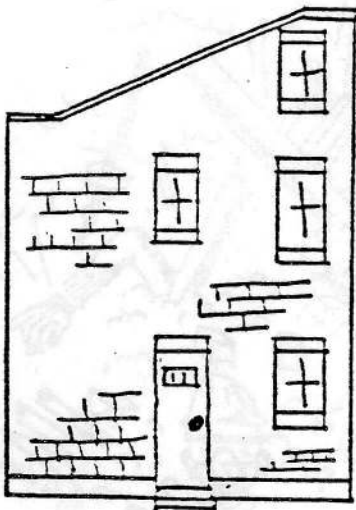
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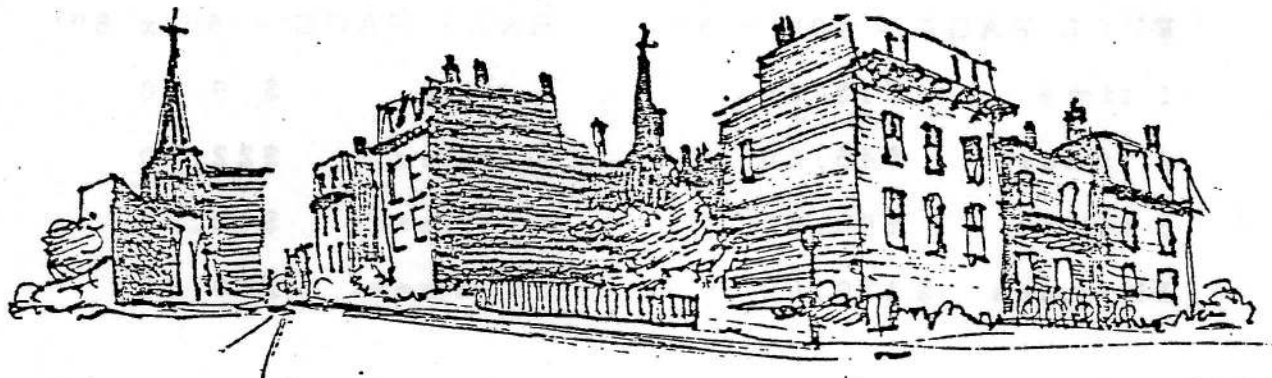
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